Amendment in notaries rules

1599. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnt have amended the notaries rules and fixed the maximum number of notaries for Kerala as 375;

(b) whether Government have consulted with the State Government before the amendment;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of notaries fixed for Kerala is meagre as compared to the population density;

(d) whether the State Government has requested to enhance the number of notaries to 1000; and

(e) whether Government would consider to amend the rules and enhance the quota to 1000?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The maximum number of notaries fixed for the State of Kerala is 750, out of which 375 can be appointed by the State Government and 375 by the Central Government.

(b) Section 15 of the Notaries Act, 1952 empowers the Central Government to make rules to carry out the purposes of the Act. It does not provide for consultation with State Government while making rules.

(c) to (e) The proposal of the State Government of Kerala for enhancement of the number of notaries to 1000, on the ground that the number fixed was meagre as compared to the population density was examined, but it was not found feasible to do so, as the quotas for number of notaries in various States/Union territories had been fixed only in 2001 for the purpose of uniformity throughout the country.

Appointment of retired judges on various bodies

1600. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of retired judges of the High Courts and Supreme